

Examiner's Remark

Applicant's amendment, filed on 11/24/2009, has been received and entered into the file. The 103 rejections have been overcome in view of applicant's amendments/remarks and are hereby withdrawn. The independent claims have been incorporated with the allowable subject matter and are therefore allowable in view of the following examiner's amendment. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-12, 15-16, 18-23, 26-27 and 29-33 are pending.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with **Mr. Frank Cire on 12/21/2009.**

The examiner has amended the following based on the claims dated 11/24/2009.

Claim 1, line 10, replace [determining whether or not the device-independent color value] with –determining, using a processor, whether or not the device-independent color value-

Claim 23, line 4, replace [comprising the steps of] with –the program instructions comprising the steps of–

Claim 29, line 1, replace [The computer-readable medium of Claim 28] with –the computer-readable medium of Claim 27–

Claim 30, line 1, replace [The computer-readable medium of Claim 28] with –the computer-readable medium of Claim 27–

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-12, 15-16, 18-23, 26-27, and 29-33 are allowed. An examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is presented in a previous office action and will not be repeated here.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUZHENG GE whose telephone number is (571)272-7636. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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